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SUBJECT: DEUTSCHER BUNDESJUGENDRING VISIT

REF: STATE 200397 (NOTAL)

1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED SEPTEMBER 11-16 VISIT WITH WOLF BRUEHAN, PRESS OFFICER OF THE DBJ. BRUEHAN WILL ACCOMPANY DELEGATION IN PLACE OF INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY BAUER, WHO IS PREVENTED BY COMMITMENTS INVOLVING PREPARATION OF THE ANNUAL GERMAN-FRENCH YOUTH CONFERENCE FROM ATTENDING. ANOTHER CHANGE INVOLVES THE BDL REPRESENTATIVE ON THE DELEGATION: THOMAS GRIESEM WILL REPLACE SCHROTEN. THE DGB REPRESENTATIVE STILL HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED.

2. BRUEHAN HAS BEEN IN THE U.S. ON TWO PREVIOUS OCCASIONS: ONCE AS A TOURIST IN NEW YORK, ONCE IN 1972 AS A MEMBER OF A JUSO DELEGATION FROM NORTH RHINE WESTFALIA ON A TRIP TO NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON. HE RATES HIS OWN ENGLISH PROFICIENCY AND THAT OF THE OTHER DELEGATES AS WEAK. HE THEREFORE HOPES AN INTERPRETER WILL BE ABLE TO ACCOMPANY THE GROUP IN THE U.S.

3. THE DELEGATES ARE PLEASED WITH THE DRAFT PROGRAM PROPOSED BY THE USYC: N.Y.C., WASHINGTON, CHARLOTTE, NEW HAMPSHIRE AND BOSTON. THEY FEEL IT PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXAMINE COMMUNAL, RURAL AND

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BIG-CITY PROGRAMS. BRUEHAN HAD TWO REQUESTS:

-- THAT A SESSION WITH A "SENIOR STATE
DEPARTMENT POLICY-MAKER" BE INCLUDED
IF AT ALL POSSIBLE (HE WELCOMES THE
IDEA OF AN EUR/CE ROUNDTABLE);

-- THAT A MEETING WITH SENATOR MCGOVERN
BE INCLUDED, AGAIN IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

4. BRUEHAN STATED THE DELEGATION WOULD LIKE TO HAVE
A SHORT PRESS CONFERENCE WITH GERMAN JOURNALISTS AT
THE END OF THE TRIP, IN ORDER TO DISCUSS ITS
IMPRESSIONS. HE WILL DISCUSS THIS POSSIBILITY WITH
THE USYC SPONSORS.

5. EMBOFF WILL PARTICIPATE IN SEPTEMBER 10 PRE-
DEPARTURE SESSION WITH THE DELEGATION MEMBERS. EMBASSY
IS PLEASED THAT THE DEPARTMENT IS ASSISTING USYC AND
DBJ IN THIS VISIT, WHICH PROMISES TO BE A VALUABLE
EXPERIENCE FOR THE PARTICIPANTS.
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